

### REMARKS

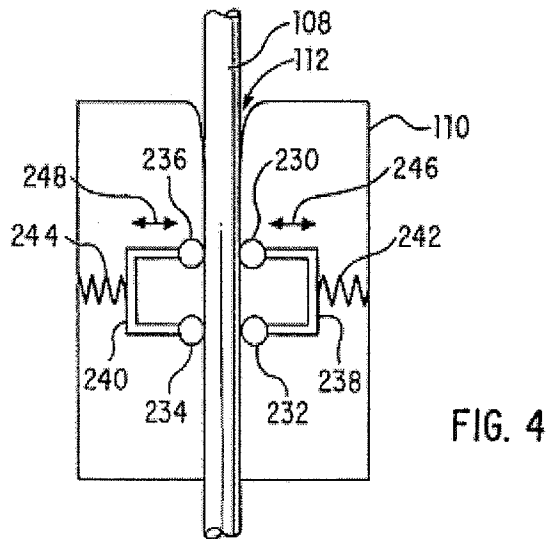
This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed February 25, 2009. Claims 19-24, 26-28, 30-31, and 33 have been allowed. Claims 14-18 have been objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but are indicated as allowable if rewritten to include the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication of allowed and allowable subject matter.

Claims 12 and 13 were rejected under 35 USC §102 based on U.S. Patent No. 5,882,206 (Gillo). Particularly, column 6, line 61 to column 7, line 18 and Figure 4, along with column 9, lines 3-18 were cited. Figure 4 is reproduced below.

As noted at column 7, lines 4-8, rollers 230, 232, 234, and 236, arms 238/240, and springs 242/246 move in the direction of arrows 246 and 248 based on the size of tube 108. As noted at lines 9-10, the arrangement can be moved to provide force feedback.

Independent claim 12 has been amended to clarify that the dimension-adjusting mechanism is configured to cause the adjustment of the coupling mechanism in response to the peripheral device pushing against the dimension-adjusting mechanism and applying a force to the dimension-adjusting mechanism in a direction substantially parallel to the direction of movement of the peripheral device when the peripheral device is engaged by the capture mechanism. As can be seen in Figure 4, the force applied by tube 108 is in the transverse direction as tube 108 is moved down into orifice 112.

Thus, Gillo does not teach applying force to the dimension-adjusting mechanism in a direction substantially parallel to the direction of movement of the peripheral device when the peripheral device is engaged by the capture mechanism. The cited discussion at column 9 relates to edge detection, but does not address causing adjustment of a coupling



mechanism in response to a force applied that is substantially parallel to the direction of movement.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the amendment and remarks above, all pending claims should now be allowable and Applicants respectfully request the allowance of all claims.

Should the Examiner have any comments, questions, or suggestions of a nature necessary to expedite the prosecution of the application, or to place the case in condition for allowance, the Examiner is courteously requested to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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